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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : General Counsel

DATE: 21 September 1953

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FROM : Assistant Comptroller

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SUBJECT: [REDACTED] Longevity Awards Program for Non- U. S. Employees

REF : (a) Memo from General Counsel to Assistant Director Operations, dated 29 January 1953

(b) Memo from Security Officer (CIA) to Deputy Asst. Director Operations, dated February 24, 1953

(c) Memo from Executive Secretary, Career Service Board to Asst. Dir. Operations, dated 25 May 1953

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(d) Memo from Chief [REDACTED] to Comptroller dated 1 June 1953

STATSPEC 1. [REDACTED] has proposed that foreign national employees at overseas posts be awarded gifts, not to exceed \$25.00 in value, for ten years loyal service. In reference (d) the Chief, [REDACTED] has requested the Comptroller's approval to make payments for such gifts. In checking to determine if we have authority to disburse official funds for property which is to be presented as gifts to such employees, we find that there appears to be general prohibitions against such practices (See 5 USCA71 and 22 Compt. Gen. 563), and Agency Regulations contain no specific provisions for gifts of this type.

2. It is noted that in your memorandum (reference (b)) on this subject, you state that while you perceive no legal objections to making suitable awards to foreign nationals, the appropriateness of such presentations is a matter for policy determination. We assume from the wording of your memorandum that the DCI has sufficient authority (presumably in P.L. 110) to make such presentations, if as a matter of policy he determines such awards necessary and proper. However, it is our understanding that the Comptroller's Office has no authority to disburse funds for such gifts until an appropriate policy decision is made (presumably by amendment to CIA [REDACTED] or unless the DCI individually approves each such disbursement. Will you kindly advise if our understanding concerning this matter is correct.

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3. Since it would appear that the Personnel Office is the Agency component that would have primary interest in developing a policy on this subject, we are forwarding a copy of this memorandum and references to the Personnel Director. Will you kindly provide that Office with a copy of your opinion on this matter.

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Attachments:

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